

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-019/PI-118
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, to implement)
provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and) ORDER OPENING DOCKET
to establish a permanent funding)
mechanism for wireless enhanced)
911 service.) Entered: June 13, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby opens the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service.

LB 1222 requires that the Commission

Establish a mechanism for determining the level of funding available to each public safety answering point and wireless carrier for costs determined to be eligible by the commission....

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(1)(e) (2006). Furthermore, the bill raises the surcharge cap from \$.50 to \$.70 for all but Douglas County; states that the Commission is not required to fund more than one PSAP per county; requires wireless carriers to collect the surcharge from prepaid wireless customers effective July 1, 2007; adds reporting requirements for wireless carriers; and provides that if a county does not have enhanced wireless 911 service, the Commission may designate a PSAP to receive that county's wireless 911 calls.

In establishing the funding mechanism, the Commission will benefit from significant input from the Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board as well as all affected parties including PSAPs, wireless carriers, local exchange providers, and third-party vendors. In order to accomplish this, the Commission anticipates seeking written comments from all interested parties, hosting multiple workshops and conducting a series of hearings. All aspects of LB 1222 and information gathered in this docket will be included in a formal rule and regulation proceeding.

On June 6, 2006, the Commission opened docket 911-0117/PI-116 to establish an interim implementation policy pending the outcome of the implementation of LB 1222. Once established the

interim policy will govern all new and previously approved funding requests until the permanent mechanism is established.

The Commission strongly urges all interested parties to fully participate in the process.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be, and it is hereby, opened to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of June, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director